

will be served 1:00–2:30 p.m. The church address: 2325 Rte. #97, Cooksville, MD.

**Note from Finance:** First, let us give a big thank you to all that have been giving. This is a reminder that there are several ways to get your offering to the church:

1. You can drop it off at the church and place it in church mailbox
2. You can mail it to the church (601 Eighth Street, Laurel, MD 20707)
3. You can use on-line giving (Give–St. Marks — <https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/stmarksmd>)

Again, thank you. Just remember, even during the pandemic, the church building still has obligations that need to be met.

*“Proclaiming Christ to the generations...  
Equipping disciples to transform the world”*

**Special Prayers / Sick and Shut-In List:** If you hear of anyone that needs special prayer or is taken to the hospital, please contact: Rev. Eugene Matthews (443.257.2730 (cell), 410.379.0600 (home), [reveugene@comcast.net](mailto:reveugene@comcast.net))

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## *St. Mark’s United Methodist Church*

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*“We come together at St. Mark’s to praise God, celebrate His love for us, and grow together in Christ by equipping the people of God to implement and spread His Word to the world.”*

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*District Superintendent  
for the Southern Annapolis Region*

*Welcome, as we gather here to worship!*

*Sunday, November 7, 2021*

*Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost*

*All Saints Sunday*

*Order of Service*

*Sister Erica Roy, Worship Leader*

**Prelude** ..... **Brother Henry Tindal**

**Lighting of the Candles** ..... **Usher**

**Gathering Song**..... **St. Mark's Choir/Congregation**

*“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”*

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the spirit of the Lord; There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

**Greeting/Call to Worship**.....**Sister Erica Roy**

**Leader:** O God, call us together as of long ago.

**People:** **Let us discover your blessed people.**

**Leader:** Today, in this place, Christ gathers us.

**People:** **Let us remember, confess, celebrate, and embody the blessed Saints of God.**

**Leader:** Christ, come among us and bless us.

**People:** **WE are all marching to Zion, the city of God.**

**All:** **Blessed are we who are Saints of God, let us call upon the name of our God!!**

## *Announcements*

**Pastor's Hrs.** — Tuesday and Thursday (11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.)

**Millicent Hrs.** — Tuesday and Thursday (10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.)

**THANK YOU – THANK YOU SO MUCH!** I must offer another thanks to St. Mark's for the many expressions given during Pastor Appreciation Month. I thought that Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> would be the day of recognition and much to my surprise the Choir, Trustees, Finance Committees, along with other members gave gifts cards, etc. I made a joke about extending the month, however, a card and gift arrived in the mail on November 1<sup>st</sup>. I have been overwhelmed by generosity extended by the St. Mark's family. I thank God for each of you and pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to protect and guide all of you.

*THANK YOU – THANK YOU SO MUCH, Pastor Matthews*

### **Pray Daily at Noon**

Please remember to pray daily at NOON. Some areas to include in your prayer, can include the pandemic, racial healing, government leaders, educational challenges, and most importantly for our sick and shut-ins and each other.



**“A FRESH START (NOW)”** — We desire to have many members as possible active in all the various areas of Ministry.

**Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** (7:00 p.m.) — Men's Bible Study.

**Session 6: Survey of the Book of History: The Acts of the Apostles.** Zoom information/call in: [Click Here To Join Zoom Meeting](#).

Copy and paste into your browser if the link above does not work:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84876087048?pwd=K201NEwzWmplMFZMenVqTnJIL0d0QT09>; **Meeting ID:** 848 7608 7048,

**Passcode:** 803201; **Phone Option** — One tap mobile:

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**Wednesday Night Experience** (7:00 p.m.) — This is our weekly Bible Study, based on the Wednesday reading in Upper Room.

**Call in #267.807.9611; Access Code: 331960**

**Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>** (7:00 p.m.) — **Choir Rehearsal**

**Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** (3:00 p.m.) — Rev. Matthews will be the guest pastor for Mt. Gregory UMC's 154<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A meal

to give ourselves for others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

### Acknowledgement of Visitors / Announcements

### Benediction

### DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Go forth in peace.  
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all. Amen.



David, Jr. – 1 <sup>st</sup>	Ufuoma Agarin – 16 <sup>th</sup>
Laura Dotson – 4 <sup>th</sup>	Loretta Thomas – 17 <sup>th</sup>
Naomi Williams – 4 <sup>th</sup>	Amber Nicole Dorsey – 18 <sup>th</sup>
Fernando G. Allen, Sr. – 4 <sup>th</sup>	Cynthia B. – 24 <sup>th</sup>
Troy Gibson, Sr. – 14 <sup>th</sup>	

**Jeffrey & Danielle King – Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> (2 yrs.)**  
**Jerral & Umbrenda Fisher – Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> (28 yrs.)**

### Heavenly Birthdays

Patricia Briggs – 14<sup>th</sup>  
Hazel Briggs – 16<sup>th</sup>



### Hymn of Praise.....St. Mark's Choir/Congregation "Marching to Zion"

1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.  
**Refrain:** We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion; we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.
2. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; but children of the heavenly King, but children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad. **(Refrain)**
3. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets before we reach the heavenly fields, before we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets. **(Refrain)**
4. Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry; we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high. **(Refrain)**

### All Saints Prayer (In Unison)

You are our God, and we are your people and we are grateful that you have called us your own. You have set us in the company of Saints past and present among those who have made bold witness to your goodness and truth. Your Word opens up a new future where we can see forward. Write the stories of those saints deep into our hearts so that we may learn to trust you beyond our doubts and fears. We worship and praise you today, the Christ who has risen and assured us that one day we shall unite with the great cloud of witness and dwell with "ALL the SAINTS" forever more. Amen.

The Invocation.....Sister Erica Roy  
Song of Meditation..... St. Mark's Choir

### The Prayer of Illumination (In Unison)

O God, your word is more precious than fine gold and sweeter than purest honey. As we turn to your scripture, send your Holy Spirit to infuse your word with truth and grace so that the good news of your love would shine before our eyes and delight our senses. So that we cannot help but respond with wonder, faith and trust on our journey. Amen.

**Scripture Reading #1** .....**Sister Erica Roy**  
(*Isaiah 25:6–9*), *Common English Bible*)

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain, the LORD of heavenly forces will prepare for all peoples a rich feast, a feast of choice wines, of select foods rich in flavor, of choice wines well refined. <sup>7</sup> He will swallow up on this mountain the veil that is veiling all peoples, the shroud enshrouding all nations. <sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever. The LORD God will wipe tears from every face; he will remove his people’s disgrace from off the whole earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup> They will say on that day, “Look! This is our God, for whom we have waited—and he has saved us! This is the LORD, for whom we have waited; let’s be glad and rejoice in his salvation!”

**Scripture Reading #2** .....**Sister Erica Roy**  
(*Revelation 21:1–6a*, *Common English Bible*)

**New Heaven and New Earth**

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup> I heard a loud voice from the throne say, “Look! God’s dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” <sup>5</sup> Then the one seated on the throne said, “Look! I’m making all things new.” He also said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, “All is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will freely give water from the life-giving spring.

**Selection** ..... **St. Mark’s Choir**

**Blessing of the Offering** .....**Sister Erica Roy**  
**Offertory**

**Scripture Reading #3** .....**Sister Erica Roy**  
(*Matthew 5:1–12*, *Common English Bible*)

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup> Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up a mountain. He sat down and his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> He taught them, saying:

**Happy people**

Douglas Singleton Sr., Marva Thomas, Diane Cobb,  
Delores B. Tyler, Eunice Harding, Patricia Christine Briggs,  
Harriet Harrison, Samuel Smith

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the face that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfector of our faith. By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**The Lord’s Prayer** (*sung*)

**BREAKING THE BREAD**

*The pastor breaks the bread in silence, or while saying:*

Because there is one loaf,  
we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.  
The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

*The pastor lifts the cup in silence, or while saying:*

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

**GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

*The bread and wine are given to the people, with these or other words being exchanged:*

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.  
The blood of Christ, given for you. Amen.

*The congregation sings hymns while the bread and cup are given.  
When all have received, the Lord’s table is put in order.  
The following prayer is then offered by the pastor or by all:*

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your Spirit,

God of our mothers and our fathers,  
God of our children to all generations.  
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,  
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and  
said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for  
us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his  
blood.

Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom  
we name before you—

Brenda Coffen, Richard Cager, Charles Burley,  
Vernal Watkins, Eunice Parker, Bria Wilson,

<sup>3</sup>“Happy are people who are hopeless, because the kingdom of  
heaven is theirs. <sup>4</sup>“Happy are people who grieve, because they will  
be made glad. <sup>5</sup>“Happy are people who are humble, because they  
will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>“Happy are people who are hungry and  
thirsty for righteousness, because they will be fed until they are  
full. <sup>7</sup>“Happy are people who show mercy, because they will  
receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>“Happy are people who have pure hearts, because  
they will see God. <sup>9</sup>“Happy are people who make peace, because  
they will be called God’s children. <sup>10</sup>“Happy are people whose  
lives are harassed because they are righteous, because the kingdom  
of heaven is theirs. <sup>11</sup>“Happy are you when people insult you and  
harass you and speak all kinds of bad and false things about you,  
all because of me. <sup>12</sup>Be full of joy and be glad, because you have a  
great reward in heaven. In the same way, people harassed the  
prophets who came before you.

**The Gloria Patri – “Glory Be to the Father” (Hymnal, #71)**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it  
was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
**Amen.**

**Roll Call of the Saints ..... Sandra Johnson**  
*Lighting Saint’s Candles*

- ✠ **Brenda Coffen** – November 3, 2020 – *Beloved Sister of St. Mark’s member Wayne Coffen; Beloved Sister-in-law of St. Mark’s member Jaime Coffen*
- ✠ **Richard Cager** – November 7, 2020 – *Beloved Brother-in-Law of Vicki Cager and Cousin of St. Mark’s member Brenda Jackson*
- ✠ **Charles Burley** – January 31, 2021 – *St. Mark’s Member – Served on Usher Board, Member of Men’s Ministry; Beloved Brother of St. Mark’s member David Burley; Beloved Brother-in-law of St. Mark’s member Cynthia Burley; Beloved Uncle of St. Mark’s member Deirdre Burley-Ballard; Beloved Family Member of the Matthews Family*
- ✠ **Vernal Watkins** – March 21, 2021 – *Beloved Uncle of St. Mark’s member Venita Stratford; Beloved Nephew of St. Mark’s members George Gibson, Ellen Hall, Gail Gibson, and Cynthia Whitfield; Beloved Family Member of the Gibson Family*

- † **Eunice Parker** – April 2021 – St. Mark’s Member – Served as a member of the St. Mark’s Ensemble Choir; Beloved mother of Kim Parker
- † **Bria Wilson** – April 23, 2021 – St. Mark’s Member – Member of the Young Adult Ministry; Beloved Daughter of St. Mark’s member Gloria Thomas; Beloved Mother of Ohana and O’Rylin Thomas; Beloved Sister of Arielle Thomas and Andre Wilson, Jr.; Beloved Niece of St. Mark’s members Sharon Thomas and Tina Thomas-Matthews; Beloved Family Member of the Gibson Family
- † **Douglas Singleton Sr.** – April 23, 2021 – Beloved Nephew of St. Mark’s members George Gibson, Ellen Hall, Gail Gibson, and Cynthia Whitfield; Beloved Family Member of the Gibson Family
- † **Marva Thomas** – April 26, 2021 – Beloved Sister of St. Mark’s members George Gibson, Ellen Hall, Gail Gibson, and Cynthia Whitfield; Beloved Family Member of the Gibson Family
- † **Diane Cobb** – May 8, 2021 – St. Mark’s Member – Beloved Wife of Jeffrey Cobb; Beloved Mother of DeSean Jones and Karen Smith; Beloved Daughter of Ruth Jones; Beloved Niece of St. Mark’s member Gertrude Curry; Beloved Family Member of the Matthews Family
- † **Delores B. Tyler** – August 8, 2021 – St. Mark’s Member – Beloved Wife of Oliver Tyler, Sr.; Beloved Sister of St. Mark’s members Bernice Jackson and Barbara Hughes; Beloved Sister-in-law of St. Mark’s member Floyd Hughes, Sr.; Beloved Aunt of St. Mark’s members Michele (Shelly) Wilson, Angela Smith, Shimaine Wilson-West, Courtney West, and Floyd Hughes, Jr.
- † **Eunice Harding** – September 2021 – Beloved Mother of St. Mark’s member Gemma DeSouza
- † **Patricia Christine Briggs** – September 12, 2021 – Beloved Sister of St. Mark’s member Cynthia Burley; Beloved Sister-in-law of St. Mark’s member David Burley; Beloved Aunt of St. Mark’s member Deirdre Burley-Ballard
- † **Harriet Harrison** – October 2021 – Beloved Aunt of St. Mark’s members Troy & Andrea Gibson & Family
- † **Samuel Smith** – October 2021 – Beloved Uncle of St. Mark’s members Troy & Andrea Gibson & Family

Hymn of Preparation..... St. Mark’s Choir  
 Inspirational Message..... Rev. Eugene W. Matthews

## “Saints by the Grace of God”

Praise and Prayer Concerns

Invitation / Altar Call

Invitation Selection (“When the Saints Go Marching In”)

## Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving for All Saints

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

*The pastor takes the bread and cup, and the bread and wine are prepared for the meal.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The musical settings on pages 17-25 may be used if desired.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
 always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
 Father Almighty (*almighty God*),  
 Creator of heaven and earth.  
 God of Abraham and Sarah,  
 God of Miriam and Moses,  
 God of Joshua and Deborah,  
 God of Ruth and David,  
 God of the priests and the prophets,  
 God of Mary and Joseph,  
 God of the apostles and the martyrs,